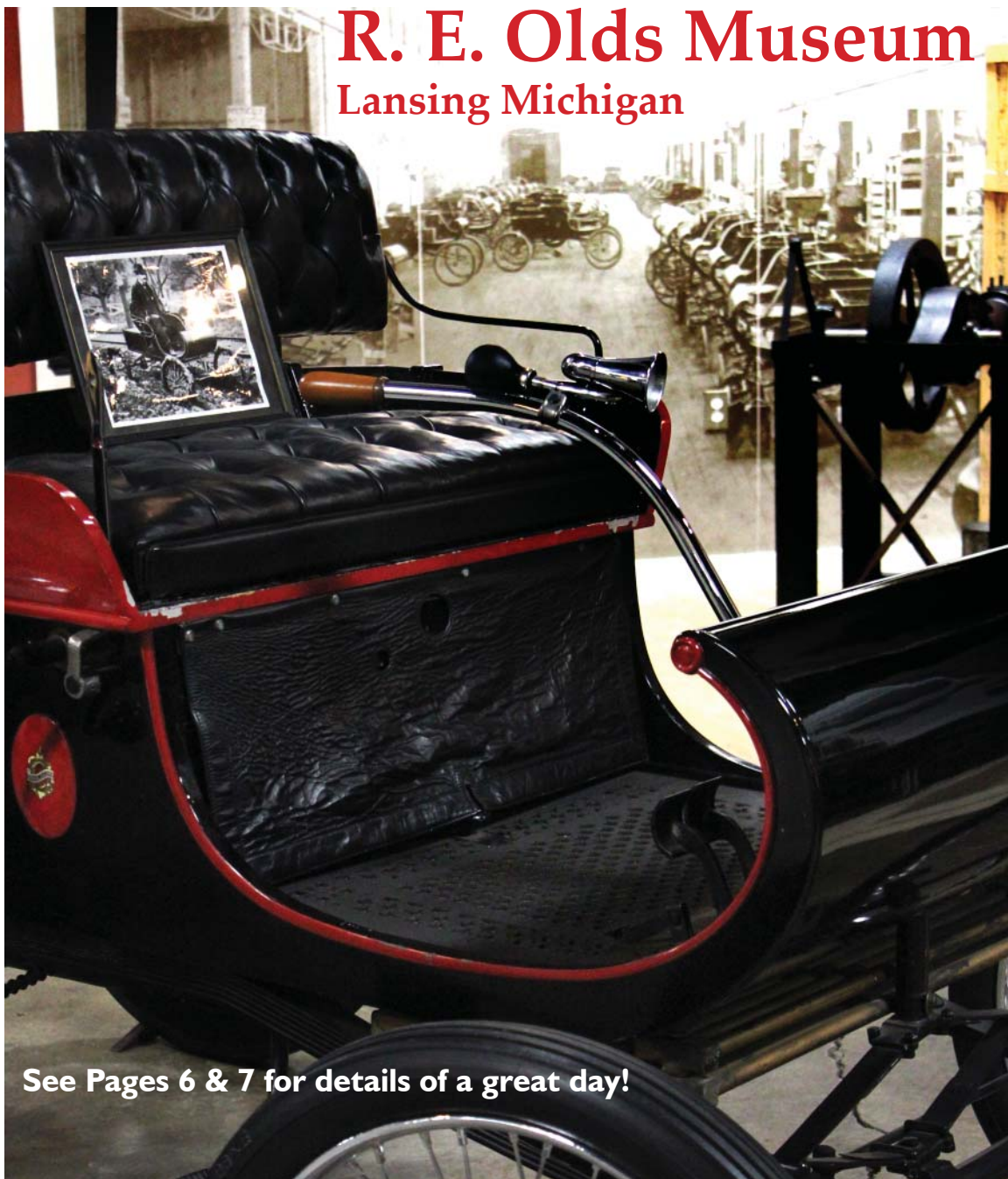


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**R. E. Olds Museum**  
**Lansing Michigan**

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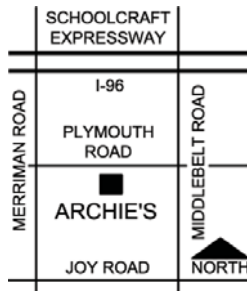
# JAGM Meetings

## Membership Meetings

are held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month from **7:00PM – 9:00PM**

@ **Archie's Restaurant**

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**NO Meetings:**  
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## June Meeting Speaker (8<sup>th</sup>) & Activity (11<sup>th</sup>)

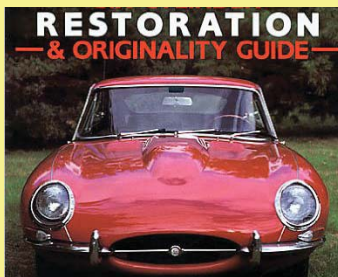
### Speaker:

**Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Author, Jaguar enthusiast and JAGM member, Dr. Thomas Haddock** will be the guest speaker at the June 11<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

Tom has written several acclaimed books on early Jaguar E-Types with an emphasis on subtle details and documenting variations. With a couple new books in the works, Tom has been busy collecting information and photographs.

This will be a presentation of great interest for anyone involved with Jaguar cars.



### Activity:

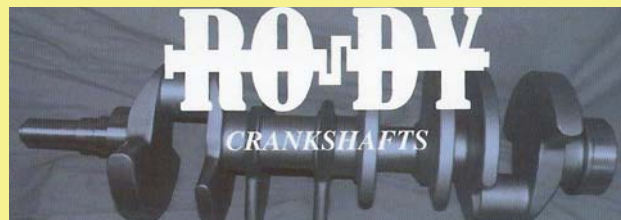
**Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30AM**

In today's era of automation, you might be surprised to know that some things are still made mostly by hand. One of the most critical and unchanged parts of the internal combustion engine is the crankshaft. Crankshafts can be made from castings, forgings, or carved out of solid billets. Ever wonder how the staggered off-sets are machined? Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, we get to witness the process at RO-DY Crankshafts. **Proprietor Greg Blagus** has opened his shop where crankshafts of all sizes and shapes are created. And there isn't one computer in the place!

**Where:** RO-DY Crankshafts  
860 N. Holbrook, Plymouth, MI 48170

Lunch to follow afterwards at **Station 885** restaurant, located at 885 Starkweather, Plymouth 48170, just a few blocks away.

**What to do:** Call or e-mail me to **RSVP by June 9<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend so we can make a lunch reservation. **734.416.3839**, or [jaguarinterests00@yahoo.com](mailto:jaguarinterests00@yahoo.com) Mike



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## ...From the Concours Chairman

Plans for the JAGM 49th

### Annual Concours d'Elegance

are well under way.

Once again the JAGM Concours will be held on the grounds of TriMas Corporation / Comerica Bank Office Complex located at 39400 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

This, JAGM's most prestigious event, will be held on **Saturday August 20th, 2016** to coincide with the world renowned Woodward Dream Cruise.



Our site is far enough north of the Dream Cruise event to avoid all the congestion, yet close enough to allow those who want to sit along the property frontage and see the vintage cars roll by.

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**

Come and show your pride in the marque whether you have a classic or a brand new F-Type Jaguar.

There will be formal judged events in both

Championship and Driven JCNA classes.

Prefer not to be judged? No Problem! Bring your car and show it off in our "Display" class, where everyone can admire your fine automobile, without all the prep work for being judged.

The Elder Group, represented by Jaguar of Troy, will also be there showing the latest from Jaguar, as well as letting you get your fill of apparel and other essential Jaguar accessories.

After the judging and score tabulations are complete, a casual buffet will be held at our host hotel "Somerset Inn" followed by the official awards ceremony.

Make your reservations early at the Somerset Inn by contacting them at 248.643.7800. **Be sure to mention you are with the Jaguar Club.** Rates vary from \$99 to \$119 per night depending on your room request. It is BEST to call them directly, third party reservation websites may not recognize the special rate arrangement. Check the Somerset Inn out at [www.somersetinn.com](http://www.somersetinn.com)

**MORE INFORMATION** will be included in the July newsletter. The full details and the Concours application can be found on the [www.JAGM.ORG](http://www.JAGM.ORG) website. Check it out and sign up NOW!



Concours Chairman  
Paul Blunt

We have received an invitation to the Marshall Michigan **"Historic Fly & Drive-In" on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM -Noon.**

Every year, at the Marshall, MI, airport, they host a fly-in. Pilots fly in and have breakfast.

At the same time there is a car show with a theme. This year the theme will be British cars.

There are awards, for judges choice, first, second, and third. There is also a pilots choice, first, second, and third. There is designated parking for the show cars, separate from general parking.

Despite the early morning start (I guess it is for

breakfast) I think this would make a good trip for the club. If you are interested in going please let me know. You can contact me at [President@jagm.org](mailto:President@jagm.org) or by phone as below.

They do not have details or a flyer available yet but you can check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Brooks-Field-Aviation-Association-188088104575009/> where you can see some information on previous years.

Best Regards,  
Paul Blunt



# JAGM Annual Caravan to Hickory Corners...

... and the

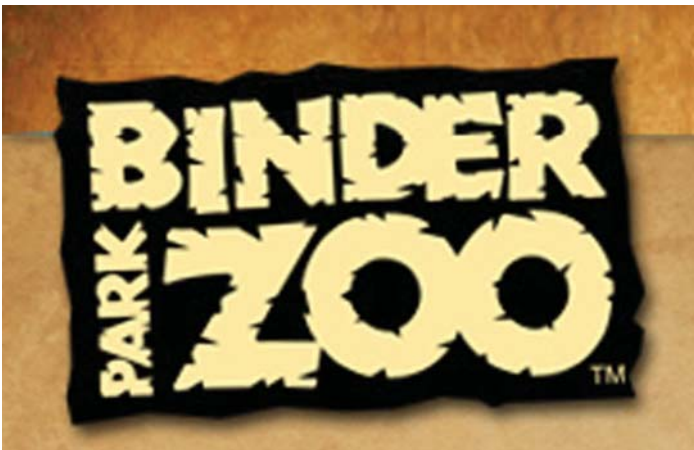


## Car Show!

**July 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** The Caravan will **leave at 10:00AM** from the MDOT lot at M-36 and US-23 as in previous years. The route has been changed a little to add a bit of interest. Also, we have new accommodations. Lodging for the evening of July 9<sup>th</sup> will be at the **"Four Points by Sheraton"**. There are a block of rooms reserved; **mention "JAGM" when you call**. The contact number is 866.961.3003. [www.fourpointskalamazoo.com](http://www.fourpointskalamazoo.com)



The Saturday afternoon activity will be a visit to the **Binder Park Zoo** located just south of Battle Creek ([www.binderparkzoo.org](http://www.binderparkzoo.org)). This Zoo is very unique and has a wide variety of wild life most of which is kept in very similar surroundings to their natural habitat. Check out their web site! Admission to the zoo is Adult \$13.50 / Senior \$12.50. If we have a group of 15 or more, the price will drop a couple bucks.



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Saturday night will be dinner in Kalamazoo at a location to be determined (we check the places out first).

Sunday the Caravan will drive up to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners for the Mad Dogs and Englishmen car show. Show registration forms are available at [www.maddogsandenglishmen.org](http://www.maddogsandenglishmen.org). The usual schedule is to leave the show around 3:00PM and arrive at the starting point about 5:30PM (depending on how long we stop for ice cream).



The drive out Saturday will include a planned lunch and the requisite potty stops both ways. To cover the cost of maps for the drive, we are asking for \$5.00 per car **payable to JAGM**.

If you plan to attend, make your room reservations soon as the motel will only hold the rooms until **June 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Also, let me know if you are going** so I can keep you in the loop on final trip details (734.416.3839, or [jaguarinterests00@yahoo.com](mailto:jaguarinterests00@yahoo.com)).

Mike.

### Additional Binder Park Cost Info:

- Parking is FREE
- Wagon, wheelchair and electric scooter rental is available at the Zoo entrance and Wild Africa arrival station.
  - SUV Wagon - \$7
  - Manual wheelchair - \$6
  - Electric scooter - \$25 w/add'l \$25 deposit - scooters available on a first come, first serve basis. Scooters can be reserved in advance by calling 269.979.1351 (deposit required)
- Tram to Wild Africa is FREE
- Z.O. & O. Railroad is \$2
- Binda Conservation Carousel is \$2



## Mueller's Steak Fry Wrap-Up



A hearty group of JAGM'ers met up at Mueller's Orchard for the annual "Steak Fry" on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Although the weather was a bit "inclement", the tasty food and fun people made it a fun activity. A good time was had by all!

Hosts: Wendy & Chuck Mueller



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# Dust-Off Wrap-Up



**Gene Lapko**  
VP West-MI

Sunday, May 22, 2016 an enthusiastic group of JAGM members enjoyed a day of HISTORY, ENTERTAINMENT and ELEGANCE.

The day broke bright, blue, clear and warm, the perfect backdrop to a JAGM drive in Mid-Michigan, allowing for a day long pleasant and memorable experience.

HISTORY: First up was the "R.E. Olds Transportation Museum" in downtown Lansing.



Favored with a guided tour by volunteers Dave and Rick, retired Olds engineers and lifelong residents of the Lansing area, we saw and heard the Oldsmobile story. From the first stationary engine to the curved dash Oldsmobile and on to the last example of the



marque we saw examples of Oldsmobile throughout the years. Amongst the many pre-war (WW II) and post war exhibits were artifacts

from the Oldsmobile home, the REO years (including the first REO Speedwagon and the story behind the naming of the rock group R.E.O. Speedwagon),

original 1950's black and white TV commercials (running on an old Zenith console



TV), war production items and a replica of the famous Fisher Body coach and trademark (handmade by Oldsmobile craftsmen).

As is usually the case

there is a small gift shop on site offering automotive related items

- T-shirts, puzzles, plaques, key chains, etc.. Every year the museum raffles a car - this year it's a fully restored 1970



Olds Cutlass convertible. Tickets are \$ 20.00 with a limited number being sold. All profits return to the museum.



ENTERTAINMENT: Our second stop was the Grand Ledge Opera House. Here we enjoyed almost 2 hours of upbeat movie, TV and Radio theme songs. The big 428 pipe Barton Theater Organ was more than up to the task providing powerful sounds and up tempo beats to everyone's enjoyment. Tunes included 2001 A Space Odyssey, Tara's Theme (Gone



with the Wind), The Magnificent Seven, Happy Days, The Lone Ranger Theme (William Tell Overture), Star Trek Theme (both TV and Movie) and



## Dust-Off Wrap-Up



many other favorites from the 50's thru the 90's. Our presenter shared many interesting bits and snippets of information on the history and origins of many of the themes. Our presenter also engaged in a version of "Name That Tune" with us that was greatly amusing and enthusiastically received by the audience. All in all it was a great couple of hours of entertainment and FUN....

and speaking of FUN we all enjoyed a walk across the river and over the bridge to LIKETY - SPLIT ICE CREAM EMPORIUM!! It's not a JAGM ride without ice cream :)

**ELEGANCE:** The capstone of our day was our arrival at the English Inn of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The former auto baron's house presents with beautiful grounds in an absolute gorgeous riverside setting.



The house itself is grandeur personified, high ceilings, mahogany paneled walls, black marble accents, continental décor and scale befitting the affluent corporate elite of the time. The transformation from exquisite residence to regal restaurant is dazzling. Menu and meals are excellent and the accoutrements are the "icing on the cake" (pun intended). The staff is attentive, professional, upbeat and fun to interact with.

We enjoyed the superb meal and the soothing ambiance and the photo opps were outstanding - so much so that many of the Inn's other guests came out to snap as many photos of our Jags as we did, a great compliment to Jaguar and to the beauty of the English Inn!

If you are looking for a Sunday drive destination - this is it!



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## Gary Kish - May Speaker

**Thank you Gary Kish** for attending the May Membership Meeting and providing up-dates on current and new Jaguar products.

Gary is a Sales Consultant for Jaguar Land Rover Farmington Hills and has many years of experience with the Jaguar Brand. The Farmington facility has taken over for the former Jaguar of Novi dealership that closed last March.



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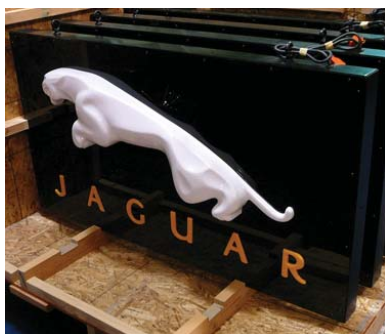


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have been sitting in a storage crate. A few of these were sold through the former Yesterday's shop south of Ann Arbor for \$1,200.00. There were five in the crate; three are **still available for \$900.00** each. These make great additions to any garage or man cave. As far as I know, no more are being made. Interest or questions  
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Outside Activity	<b>Summer Drive</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Caravan to Mad Dogs & Englishmen Car Show 9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	"Apple of Your Eye" Mueller's Orchard t.b.d.
	<b>RO-DY</b> <b>Crankshaft Shop Tour</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30AM</b> <b>Plymouth MI</b>			
	October	November	December	January
Meeting Activity	Membership Meeting 12 <sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Charity Auction 9 <sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Archie's, Livonia	Christmas Party	Awards Gathering
Outside Activity	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	t.b.d.



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